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FROM: Alfred Neale

DATE: February 25, 1947

SUBJECT: Failure of treatment system for waste oils at Western Gas Company Plant at Bremerton, Washington

The inspection of the waste liquid treatment equipment of the Western Gas Company of Bremerton on Wednesday, February 19, revealed that heavy oil slicks enter the Port Washington Narrows from this area because this equipment is not being used in the manner for which it was originally designed.

The original design called for 2 tanks, one of six sections and the second with only one section. The first tank of six sections is being used as it was intended and is from 90 - 95% effective. The second tank has been altered in such a manner that waste oils flow through practically unimpeded and thus the efficiency has been reduced to zero.

The manager, Mr. Al. C. Cambell was requested to contact a registered engineer immediately so that proper corrections may be made and this source of oil pollution of the Port Washington Narrows can be avoided.

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